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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A package assembly (10) that includes a strip (11) of flexible ~~plastics~~ plastic material. Attached to the strip (11) at spaced positions longitudinally of the strip (11) are bags (12). The bags (12) are sealingly closed and include ~~ends~~ end sealed areas (13 and 14). Each bag (12) is attached to the strip (11) by a respective one of the end sealed areas (13). Each end sealed area (13) can be peeled from the strip (11) to enable removal of the bag (12). In an alternative embodiment, the bags (12) are arranged in sets (17). A machine (28) is adapted to form the package assembly (10).